

Nature Center Activities

Turkey Run State Park

Wednesday, July 1

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed the Birds** – Help a naturalist put out bird seed and work in our wildlife observation area, and then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist give you a tour of the Summer stars during a 40-minute planetarium show. Must be seated by 2. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

Thursday, July 2

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

***10:30am Bird Hike** – Meet at the nature center front porch to go look for birds of all sorts! 1-hour, easy hike.

11am Lusk Home Tour- Gather in the cellar of the Lusk home to take a 1-hour tour of the historic 1841 brick mansion. Doors open at 10:40 a.m.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Friday, July 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am- 5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See above.

***10am Impressive Leaf Impressions-** Meet on the nature center front porch to go on a 1 hour long, moderate hike with a naturalist to learn about some of our native trees and their leaves.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

6-8pm Naturalist in the Campground- Keep on the lookout for the naturalist to see what they have in their bucket.

Saturday, July 4

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See above.

10:30-11:30am Solar Wood Art- Visit the naturalist in front of the nature center to learn how to use a magnifying glass and a chunk of wood to make art!

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

***3pm Fossil Hunt-** Meet the naturalist on the nature center front porch to look for ancient life forms and artifacts from years past. 1-hour moderate hike.

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See above. Doors open at 2:40 pm.

***7:30-8:30pm Blast Off and Bubbles-** Meet out at the lawn between the pool and the nature center to shoot off water bottle rockets 100ft in the air and make car-sized bubbles!

Sunday, July 5

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am- 5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous listing.

10:30-11:30am Soda Straw Weaving- Learn the ancient technique of weaving and make a bookmark to keep! 20-minute craft. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See above. Doors open at 2:40 pm

***Healthy Parks – Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us or discover how to keep a state park healthy at these programs**

Monday and Wednesday, July 6 & 8

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Tuesday, July 7

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour-See above. Doors open at 2:40 pm.

Thursday, July 9

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See above.

11am Lusk Home Tour- See above. Open at 10:40 a.m.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Friday, July 10

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous listing.

11am-12pm Petroglyph Face Painting- Learn some ancient cave language while having our favorite petroglyph painted on your face! Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

6-8pm Naturalist in the Campground- See above.

Pioneer Heritage Festival

Saturday, July 11

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

All Day - Pioneer Games and Toys- Stop by the nature center to play with and make your own pioneer games and toys.

***9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous listing.

10am-12pm Corn Husk Dolls & Cross Cut

Saws Meet at the top of the 70 steps to make a pioneer doll to keep and try your hand at sawing a log the old-fashioned way!

12-2pm Make Bread, Butter & Ice Cream –

Come to the top of the 70 steps to discover the pioneer techniques of making bread, butter, and ice cream. You might even get to taste test some!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover how the Pioneers viewed the night sky. *Reservations recommended.*

2-4pm Candle Dipping - Stop by the nature center to dip a candle, Pioneer-style.

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See previous listing. Open @ 2:40

9:30pm The Sounds That Scared The Pioneers - See previous listing. Doors open at 2:40 p.m.

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Earn pins, kerchiefs, patches & more!
Hoosier Quest Program
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****10am Help Feed the Birds*** – Help a naturalist put out bird seed & work in our wildlife observation area, & then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

10:30am Bird Music- Discover the natural rhythms and notes of some of our native song birds. Meet at the amphitheater (beside the Olympic pool) for a 1 hr program.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist give you a tour of the Summer stars during a 40-minute planetarium show. Must be seated by 2. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour- Gather in the cellar of the Lusk Home to take a 1-hour tour of the historic 1841 brick mansion. Doors open at 2:40 pm.

Monday and Wednesday, July 13 & 15

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

****10am Help Feed the Birds*** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Tuesday, July 14

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

****10am Help Feed the Birds*** – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See above. Doors open at 2:40.

Thursday, July 16

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

****9:30am Help Feed the Birds***- See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour- See above. Doors open at 10:40.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Friday, July 17

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

****9:30am Help Feed the Birds***- See previous listing.

11am Natural Dyes- Make your own piece of dyed wool using different color dyes from native plants. Meet at the Nature Center for this 45 minute craft.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

6-8pm Naturalist in the Campground- Keep on the lookout for the naturalist to see what they have in their bucket.

Saturday, July 18

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

****9:30am Help Feed the Birds***- See previous listing.

10:30-11:30am Recycled Bird Feeders- Come to the nature center to make a feeder that your birds at home will love! 15 minute make and take.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See previous listing. Doors open at 2:40.

9pm Is the Lusk Home Haunted?- Come to the Lusk Home to take a candlelight tour of this 1841 two story brick mansion and hear stories of the family who lived here. The tour lasts 1 hour. Cellar doors open at 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 19

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

****9:30am Help Feed the Birds***- See previous listing.

****10:30am Bird Hike***- Meet on the nature center front porch to go lookin’ for some birds! 1-hour easy hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See previous listing. Doors open at 2:40.

Monday, July 20

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

****10am Help Feed the Birds*** – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Tuesday, July 21

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

****10am Help Feed the Birds*** – See previous listing

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See above. Doors open at 2:40.

Wednesday, July 22

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

****10am Help Feed the Birds*** – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Thursday, July 23

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

****9:30am Help Feed the Birds***- See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show– See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See previous listing.

Friday, July 24

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

****9:30am Help Feed the Birds***- See previous listing.

10-11am Giant Bubbles and Other Recycling

Fun- Come to the front lawn of the nature center to try making car-sized bubbles and other fun things!

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

6-8pm Naturalist in the Campground- See previous listing.

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***9:30am Help Feed The Birds** - Help a naturalist put out bird seed & work in our wildlife observation area, & then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

***10:30am Creek Stomp**- Meet on the nature center front porch to go for a wet and wild water exploration. Search for tiny weird water creatures during this 1.5 hour hike. Wear shoes that can get wet.

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3pm Lusk Home Tour- Gather in the cellar of the Lusk Home to take a 1-hour tour of the historic 1841 brick mansion.

***9:30pm Owl Prowl**- Come to the nature center to get to know our three most common owls and then try calling them in! 1-hour easy hike.

Sunday, July 26

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed the Birds** - See previous listing.

***10:30am Incredible Edibles** - Meet at the nature center front porch for a 1-hour moderate hike and program to learn about edible plants. Bring your appetites & a sense of adventure!

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour - See previous listing. Doors open at 2:40.

Monday and Wednesday,
July 27 and July 29

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds**- See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Tuesday, July 28

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous listing

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Lusk Home Tour- See previous listing. Doors open at 2:40.

Thursday, July 30

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed the Birds**- See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour- See above. Doors open at 10:40.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Friday, July 31

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***9:30am Help Feed the Birds**- See previous listing.

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